THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to make registration of marriages compulsory.

इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पदों का भरा जाना

1834. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि '

(क) इलाहाबाद उच्च-न्यायालय में न्यायाधीशों की कुल संख्या कितनी है ; और

(ख) वर्तमान में इनमें से कितने पद खाली पड़े हैं और इन्हें कब तक भरे जाने की संभावना है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और विधि, न्याय तथा कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रंगराजन कुमारमंगलम्) ' (क) और (ख) इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में स्थायी न्यायाधीशों और अपर न्यायाधीशों की स्वीकृत संख्या क्रमश' 58 और 3 है । इस समय 58 स्थायी न्यायाधीश पदासीन हैं और 3 अपर न्यायाधीशों के पद भरे जाने हैं । इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में न्यायाधीशों के विद्यमान रिक्त पद भरे जाने के लिए सांविधानिक प्राधिकारियों से परामर्श चल रहा है । यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि ये पद कब तक भर दिए जाएंगे ।

Handing Over Travancore House to Government of Kerala

1835. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1292-D given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government had promised to the Chief Minister of Kerala that the Travancore House in New Delhi occupied by the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission since 1973 will be vacated by November 1, 1991 and handed over to the Kerala State Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the promise was not honoured by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and also the reasons therefor and by when it is expected to be vacated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) The Government of India had assured the Government of Kerala that the Travancore House would be vacated by the M.R.T.P. Commission shortly after the alternative accommodation allotted to the Commission at Kota House Annexe is renovated and is ready for occupation. No firm date in this regard was indicated. The alternative accommodation at Kota House Annexe is almost ready except for certain minor items of repairs which are being carried out. The Commission expects to shift to the alternative premises as early as possible.

Teenage marriages in the country

1836. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of teenage marriages in different States during the last three years, state-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to prevent such marriages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The information is not readily available. The same will be collected from the State Governments/Union territory administrations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) A number of steps, including stress on education, have been taken by the Government for educating people about the consequence of the evil practice of child (including teenage) marriage through mass media, by involving voluntary organisations in the task and by other measures. These include radio programmes, exhibiting cinema slides, posters and short documentary films on T.V. group discussions with rural women, etc. The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 was amended in 1978 with a view to provide that offences under the Act shall be cognizable for the purpose of investigation and for all matters other than matters referred to in section 42 of the Cr. P.C. 1973 (arrest on refusal to give name and residence) and the arrest of a person without a warrant or without an order of the magistrate. The practice of Child or teenage marriage has been deeply embedded among certain sections of the society and any legislation, however stringent its provisions may be, would not achieve the object of stopping this practice. It is only through social and economic upliftment of these sections that the practice can be eradicated completely.

Misuse of public funds by Oswal Group of Companies

1837. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of raising of over Rs. 600 crores from share holders and public by one of the companies of Oswal Group in 1989 and these funds are being used for other purposes than the one for which they were advertised, i.e. putting up fertilizers plant in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to avoid such misuse of funds raised from the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from the concerned Departments and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

Shifting of Registered Office from Delhi to Ludhiana by Oswal Group of Companies

1838. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some companies of Shri Abhey Oswal Group are shifting their registered office from Delhi to Ludhiana to avoid facing large number of small share holders in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to protect the interest of small share holders in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Changing the place of registered office of a company from one State to another requires confirmation by the Com-